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1. [redacted] a large naval vessel was seen 50 to 60 nautical miles northeast of the mouth of the Kola Inlet. The vessel was following a varying course at a speed of 15 to 16 knots and it fired toward the north. [redacted] Several salvos were fired with a few minutes' pause in between each salvo. Each salvo consisted of three or four shots with a maximum of a few tenths of a second between each one. 25X1
2. The vessel had a flush deck, one or possibly two triple turrets on the fore-deck, a command bridge with an open steel construction on it, a mast with a fork in it, and a flag that [redacted] was flying from the fork; just aft of the mast there was a stack with a smoke cowl that slanted aft over it. There was one or possibly two triple turrets on the afterdeck. The vessel was about 450 feet long. The vessel was only 300 to 400 meters [redacted] at the closest point but it was hazy weather at the time of observation. 25X1
3. [redacted] 28 small motorboats passed through the channel off Kharlov Island (N 68-49, E 37-21). They were moving in a line at about 15 knots and were steering a course of 340 degrees. There was about 400 meters' distance between each boat. They looked smaller than ordinary MTBs and each boat had a small wheelhouse. They also had side lanterns. 25X1

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